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Re: Application of Sho KUMAGAI, Fumio ODAKA, and Shigeki ENDO  
SPUTTERING TARGET  
Assignee: BRIDGESTONE CORPORATION  
Our Ref: Q85951

Dear Sir:

The following documents and fees are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- a copy of the executed Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- an English translation of the International Application. Also enclosed is the first page of WO 2004/011690 A1.
- 0 sheet(s) of drawings.
- a copy of Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document (Form PCT/IB/304).
- an English translation of Article 19 claim amendments.
- an English translation of Article 34 amendments (annexes to the IPER).
- a copy of the executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form.
- an Information Disclosure Statement with a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references including the ISR/IPER references, a copy of the International Search Report (PCT/ISA/210), and a copy of the International Preliminary Examination Report.
- a copy of each reference cited in the ISR/IPER.
- a Preliminary Amendment.
- It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).**

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It is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

The Government filing fee is calculated, **based on the Article 34 Amended claims, further amended by the enclosed Preliminary Amendment**, as follows:

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Priority is claimed from:

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Respectfully submitted,

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